

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A connection of a hose clamp and a hose [that], wherein the hose is provided with projections, and wherein the hose clamp surrounding the hose is pre-positioned between the projections before tightening of the hose clamp on the hose, the improvement comprising:

the projections being arranged on opposed sides of the hose clamp and having gaps;

a locking strip having laterally projecting tabs and being fastened on an inner side of the hose clamp;

wherein the laterally projecting tabs engage in a positive-looking way the gaps.

2. (Original) The connection according to claim 1, wherein the hose clamp has a clamping band with overlapping end sections, wherein the locking strip covers a connecting location of the overlapping end sections of the clamping band.

3. (Original) The connection according to claim 2, wherein the hose clamp is a worm drive hose clamp comprising a closure housing having a closure housing bottom, wherein the looking strip extends across the closure housing bottom.

4. (Original) The connection according to claim 3, wherein the projections of the hose are located on a first side of the closure housing where a head of a clamping screw of the worm drive hose clamp is located, wherein lateral edges of the locking strip each have a fastening tab located on a second side of the closure housing facing away from the head of the clamping screw, and wherein the fastening tabs each engage across a lateral edge of the clamping band.

5. (Original) The connection according to claim 4, wherein the lateral edges of the locking strip each have a guide tab for the clamping band on the first side of the closure housing, wherein the guide tabs project radially outwardly.

6. (Original) The connection according to claim 3, wherein the hose has two additional projections located approximately diametrically opposite to the closure housing on the hose and engaging the lateral edges of the clamping band.

7. (Original) The connection according to claim 1, wherein the laterally projecting tabs have prolongations extending in both circumferential directions of the hose, wherein the prolongations are angled at an obtuse angle radially

outwardly, wherein the gaps have sidewalls each provided with an undercut, and wherein the prolongations engage the undercuts.

8. (Original) The connection according to claim 1, wherein the locking strip has longitudinal edges that are bent radially outwardly.

9. (Original) The connection according to claim 1, wherein the locking strip consists of metal.